Financial assistance to Chhattisgarh

2080. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the capital cities of newly formed States Chandigarh, Bhubaneshwar, Gandhinagar, Dispur etc. were built with special assistance from the Central Government;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider providing financial assistance as demanded by Chhattisgarh to build new capital city; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Demands of CPWD Group 'B' and 'C' Associations

2081. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CPWD Group 'B' and 'C' recognized Engineers Associations were agitated during the months of July, 2004 for their various demands;

(b) if so, what are the demands; and

(c) what action Government are taking to fulfil their demands?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Their demands included those related to promotion of Assistant Engineers to Executive Engineers, withdrawal of cases against some officials, withdrawal of revised transfer policy and the implementation of GFR 136.

(c) Director General of Works, CPWD, held a meeting with the representatives of the Associations. Steps have been initiated to look into the demands.